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| To: | Examiner Lee Sin Yee Lum Vannucci Group Art Unit: 3611 U.S.P.T.O. | Facsimile No.: (571) 273-8300 |
| From: | James E. Howard | Facsimile No.: (703) 761-2375 or 76 |
| Re: | Enclosed Amendment After Final Rejection Under 37 CFR §1.116 and Excess Claim Fee Payment Letter U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/721,751 Docket No.: K06-163744M/TBS | |

Dear Examiner Vannucci:

Enclosed for filing is an Amendment in response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 9, 2005, along with two copies of the Excess Claim Fee Payment Letter, which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,

James E. Howard

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Enclosures

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
 Box AF
 Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450

EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

| | <u>AFTER AMENDMENT</u> | <u>PREV. PAID FOR</u> | <u>EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT</u> | <u>RATE</u> | <u>FEE DUE</u> |
|--|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|------------------|
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| Indep. Claims | 5 | 3 | = 2 | x \$200.00 | \$ 400.00 |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT | | | | | \$ 400.00 |

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481 in the amount of \$400.00 to cover the excess claim fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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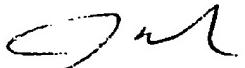
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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In response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1, 3-10, 12-15, 17-18, and 20-32 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1, 8, 12, 17, 20-21, 23, 26, and 29-32 are amended to more clearly define the invention and claims 2, 11, 16, and 19 are canceled. Claims 1, 8, 12, 20, and 29 are independent.